

# **American Indian Federal Employees' Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **February 10, 2005**

**Officers:** Joseph Gray, Chair, NPS  
Crystal Wallace, Vice-Chair, USDA/NITC  
Tom Beaver, 2d Vice-Chair, DOE  
Robin K. Hatfield, Secretary, FDA

**In Attendance:** Members and Guests (see end of report)

**Where:** Heart of America Indian Center  
611 W. 39<sup>th</sup>  
Kansas City, MO 64111

#### **Opening and Minutes:**

Joseph Gray called the meeting to order. Introductions were made all around.

#### **Order of Meeting:**

**Teresa Bradskey**, Assistant Director of the Heart of America Indian Center spoke about the history, purpose, services and activities of HAIC with the local urban Indian community. She addressed the difficulties that today's Native youth must contend with, and the programs that are in place at the Center to try to ameliorate the situation. Future community development program plans were also discussed.

**Richard Freiburghouse**, of the Kansas City, MO School District spoke about a new program to be instituted within KCMO schools. All students were provided with a form that the parents could fill out, identifying their children as American Indian, in order to receive Title VII funding. The funding will be for tutoring purposes. Mr. Freiburghouse stated that he planned to petition private foundations for additional funding, and to submit a grant application in order to broaden the scope of the program.

#### **Memorial for Larry D. Thompson**

Feedback on the criteria for the award in memorial to the memory and community work of Larry D. Thompson was solicited. It was decided that the award will be called the *Community Builder's Award* with the Choctaw phrase for "community builder" inscribed underneath. Joe Gray presented the council with a choice of plaques.

#### **Back to School Health Fair**

It was proposed that the council arrange and promote a *Back to School Health Fair* to take place before the children go back to school in August/September. Suggestions and

ideas as to what would be screened and offered were proposed. The location is yet to be determined, although several council members were able to provide input and contacts. The health fair will be targeting the local American Indian community and be supported by the American Indian Parent Committee with the possible assistance of the Heart of America Indian Center. Publicity and outreach will need to be arranged.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the January 2005 meeting have been tabled until council meeting attendance is at least a quorum.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on March 3, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the USDA Facility located at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Beacon in Kansas City, MO.

### **Member Attendees:**

Beaver, Tom	DOE
Day, Linda	USPS
Gray, Joseph	NPS
Hatfield, Robin K.	FDA
Hubbard, Secody	EPA
Mathias, Kathrin	VA
Moynihan, Jana	HHS/OCR
Pippenger, Ruby	NOAA
Thierolf, Les	DHHS

### **Guests:**

Lewis, Jason	KU Center for Indigenous Nations Studies
Macdonald, Pat	Parent information and Resource Center
Pewewardy, Cornel	KU Center for Indigenous Nations Studies

### **Absent:**

Bays, Sheila	DHS/USCIS	Littlejohn, John	HUD
Bent, Stewart	SSA	Marquez, Pascual G.	USDOJ
Bowman, Karen	FMS	Mason, Pinkie (alt.)	GSA
Brown, Michael (RN, MS)	DHHS	May, Mary E.	USDA
Brown, Paul	IRS	Rios, Nancy	CMS
Coleman, Glenna	SBA	Sanders, Karen	BOP
Dye, Leslie D	FOH	Scott, Dale	DHHS
Egan, Sheila (ret.)	FDA	Smith, Robin	USAF
Fabela, Beverly	SSA	Stivers, Gary	OIG
Farley, Dohn	DFAS	Stone, Donna	USDA-FSA
Gibbons, Vickie	FAA	Vaca, Ralph (alt.)	IRS
Grooms, Leland	EPA	Wallace, Crystal	NITC-USDA
James, Jesse	NOAA	Watkins, Brenda S.	INS (ALT)
Jones, Tina	USMC	Whitcomb, Bill	DOJ (ALT)
Kelley, Cynthia	COE	Wendt, H. Elizabeth	EPA (ALT)
Ladage, Brenda	GSA	Womack, Rita	ATF